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A FOUR-COLUMN scoop from one's own town is bad-that's a fact, and does need explaining, even if the explanation does not explain. THE GAZETTE'S SCOOP is a holy terror on occasions.

THE GAZETTE repeats: When people want the real downright news of Dallas and other North Texas points, they must business at the old stand.

IF THE Twenty-first legislature shall do no more than give Texas a road law under which the state can construct good roads, the coming general assembly will be remembered with gratitude forever.

THE best immigration movement Texas can inaugurate is a land law that will justify men in going into a new country and enduring the privations of frontier life white converting the waste plain into a tax producing garden.

THE solid South is broken. It was the gain of three Republican congressmen in St. Louis and of others in North Carolina, Louisiana and Virginia that saved the house .- Chicago Infer-

We thought you said a Republican could not live in the South?

ANOTHER day of rest has come to bless and brighten with its sunshine, and still no evidence is at hand that the committee to investigate the purchase of the waterworks is in as great harry as it was when appointed. And the people are asking why this is thus.

THE New York Evening Post, mugwump, speaks of Civil Service Commissioner Edgerton as a perfect specimen of the old fashioned Democrat from Indiana "except that he is usually neatly dressed and his nose is not red. " The preparations seem to be hastening with celerity for the semi-annual mugwump hop.

THE Dallas Journal of Friday evening says The Gazette's report of the Hanks matter was a "plous fraud," and then the Journal makes a synopsis of Taz GAZETTE report. Fraud or no fraud, 500 extra Gazertres were sold in Dallas on Friday, and no Dallas paper contained a report of the Hauks matter until THE GAZETTE had printed the news. It was a famous scoop.

THE Waco Day does well to keep this before the Twenty-first legislature: "The legislature meets in January, and its first business ought to be to repeal the drummer tax. Under the existing law a Texas drummer pays license, while one from outside the state goes soot free. Texas commerce should bear no burden that cannot be imposed on outsiders. "

AN INVESTIGATION of the extent of the influences of bribery upon the vote at | mail . Herkimer, N. Y., in the late national election, shows that the Republicans bought 198 votes and the Democrats 78. The Republicans paid out \$2420, or \$12.22 a vote, and the Democrats \$900, or \$11.53 lots east were purchased. It is claimed that this is a fair illustration of meth-

in the state. Outside of all moral considerations one fact must be apparent: that in self-defense the Democratic party must endeavor to stop the debauchery of suffrage. It has not enough experience in the business to cope with the Quays and Dudleys.

THE senator from Kansas is making a reputation, such as it is:

Ingalls is a man of spleen, with more gall than goodness in him-a tongue-valiant who in his day has profited by the barking of prairie dogs .-[Philadelphia Record.

Ingalls, the political tond, leans and crawls into the slimy pools, closes his eyes, protrudes his tongue, takes in the vermin and emits his venom at the least disturbance .- Cleveland

RAILBOAD legislation in Alabama seems to be taking a queer turn. The Montgomery Advertiser says there is no ill feeling towards the railronds in Alabama, and yet is constrained to thus comment on pending legislation:

The bill to prevent the running of freight trains on Sunday is unwise; there can be no reason why fruit and vegetable growers should suffer, and why the railroads of Alabama should be prevented from competing with the railroads of Mississippi for traffic of this description.

Nor can there be any good reason why legislation should be enacted which would destroy the value of the "'limited" or so called "Cannon Ball' train to the people of Alabama. This train stops at most of the important stations and gives quick transportation to all of our people, besides it is a train which furnishes additional facilities. leaving former trains intact.

The people of Alabama cannot reverse the motion of the earth.

SOME POSSIBILITIES

The outlook is gloomy for the black and tan Republicans of Texas. Harrison is reported to be anxious to build up a white man's opposition party in the South, and the Lily Whites expect to be the chief beneficiaries of the new policy. Here is a slate that in some of its parts will stand the wear and tear of time:

For marshal, northern district of Texas, A. G. Malloy. For district attorney, northern district

of Texas, Stillwell H. Russell. For collector of internal revenue

northern district of Texas, Webster Flanagan.

For district attorney, southern district of Texas, A. J. Rosenthal.

For collector of internal revenue southern district of Texas, Lock Mc-Daniel.

For collector of customs at Galveston, Wright Cuney. For postmaster at Austin, Jacob C.

DeGress For postmaster at San Antonio, James P. Newcomb.

For postmaster at Dallas, A. B. Nor-

For postmaster at Fort Worth, the man who will give the office all his time and

HE WILL DO.

Chauncey M. Depew is one of the men for whom the heart of the American nation beats very kindly. He is of course on the wrong side of the political fence, but other good men commit the same mistake and, consequently, it must be an error of the head and not of the heart. His prominence in the Chicago convenrend THE GAZETTE. The scoop is doing | tion and the part he took in throwing the nomination to Harrison make the supposition natural that if he wants anything at the bands of the next administration he will get it. Mr. Depew has a habit of talking very frankly when he talks at all. He was recently interviewed in reference to the rumor that he was to have the English mission under Harrison, and after declaring that he was not a cambiliate for any office. that for him to take one would involve a personal sacrifice, and that in no event would be take a cabinet position, he

But the ministry to England-well, that is a different matter. Pregard it as a higher place than a seat in the cabinet. The United States and England are the two greatest English-speak ing nations of the world. Our commerce with England is greater than our commerce with all other nations combined. Our relations with Great Britain, therefore, are among the most important matters connected with any adminisation, and the man who is sent to the court of St. James to look after these relations is especially honored. I consider the ministry to England as the greatest benor that could be conerred on an American citizen, next to the presi

Timt settles it. Mr. Depew will sucgeed Mr. Phelps at the court of St. James, and he will make the most satisfactory minister a Republican president could send there.

LIBEL SUITS VS. LIDEL SUITS.

The Victoria Advocate, whose editor has figured on the plaintiff's side of the docket, with reference to the libel law complains that THE GAZETTE has made no discrimination between libel suits and libel suits in its criticism of the methods used to promote this character of litiga-

The Advocate is mistaken. The Gazerre has had something to say about shysters and blackmailers because those are the gentlemen whose occupations should be interfered with. No fair-minded newspaper desires legislation that will exempt it from the just responsibility of its utterances. None of the amendments suggested by The Ga-ZETTE would interfere with the sincere prosecution of a libel suit for the recovery of damages to character.

No man with any character to lose would be in the least affected by any of these provisions.

The relief that is mainly needed is something to discourage the institusion of suits for the purpose of levying black-

To illustrate: Several months ago, Tur GAZETTE published a telegraphic announcement of a mercantile failure in a certain town, the telegram was received late at night, was bandled by the telea vote. More than one-fifth of the bal- graph editor alone, and of course was accepted in good faith as correct. On the day of the publication THE GAZETTE Was

city, who was induced by the telegram to investigate the matter, that the report was untrue. On the succeeding day a notice to this effect was printed in the editorial columns of THE GAZETTE, prominently displayed, and much more likely to catch the eye of the average reader than the original news item. This second publication was made on The GAZETTE'S own motion and without any denial of the truth of the report having been received from the place of its origin.

Long after the correction of its error THE GAZETTE received a letter from an attorney of the town, from which this report was sent, declaring his purpose to institute a libel suit unless a liberal settlement was made with him because of the publication. The merchant had evidently been satisfied with the course of THE GAZETTE until a shyster attorney heard of the circumstance and persuaded him that an opportunity was offered to clear a round sum of money, without hazard, and at small expense. The GAZETTE, in a private letter to the very industrious attorney, informed that gentleman that if any money was to be paid it would be at the dictum of a jury, and not through him, and his bright hopes of gain were doomed to speedy decay; but they illustrate the tendencies and the annoyances of the present system, or rather lack of system.

Honest men who are damaged by malicious publications are handicapped in their efforts to obtain reparation by the devious uses to which the libel law is so often put. They would be gainers by the changes which THE GAZETTE has pro-

It is the blackmailing scheme disguised as a libel suit that should be abolished; the suit that may be compromised at any time by paying one-hundredth part of the damages claimed.

The honest libel suit is a different matter altogether, and nothing proposed by THE GAZETTE, if enacted into law, would affect its results.

A PROPHET OF REFORM.

In an heroic effort to deal with the Southern question in a spirit of candor, the Chicago Tribune, the high-priest of the gospel of sectional hate, talks in an interesting vein. Here is a great truth that the Tribune has lately learned:

The North fully recognizes that the political rouble in the South is one of races. It understands that the whites of the cotton South do not want the black people to make their laws, levy heir taxes, hold their courts, and rule them. In all probability the white people of the North, under similar circumstances, would take the same

To escape the difficulty the Tribune makes a suggestion, which, interpreted in plain English, is that the whites of the South shall pervert the negro vote in local elections, but nermit it to be counted for the Republican candidates in national

The logic of the Tribune's plan is that the guilt of fraud is eliminated when it ceases to be harmful to the Republican party. It sees no wrong in a traffic in the negro's rights, under the constitution. provided the Republicans are a party to the transaction.

Of such are our censors, the pure souls whose namiliar mission it is to reform the

We laugh at their threats, we mock their auger, and we will have none of

OUR BOOK TABLE.

NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW, December, The November number of this review contained an article on the fast set at Harvard that has aroused considerable ire among the sons of that distinguished alma mater, and in a spirit of fairness this periodical publishes this month a defense by a member. In such a defense, if truthfully made, there is only on course left open to the defender—he must set a low standard of moral obligation on young men in order to make his ground tenuble. This the writer does, strongly suggesting that fastness is an indication of martiness, and making his assertion in a manner not altogether courteous. At least this defender of fastness is relieved of hypocrisy by the toleration shown him, but the sober-minded will be apt to dissent from his pinion that recruits for real service in the world's advance movements are found in the ranks where he does not hesstate to declare he has a place. A formulation of views by his class is, however profitable to those who rank on the other ide, and will enable wise men and true to meet their arguments.

General W. T. Sherman contributes a paper on James G. Blaine, showing that efore the Chicago Republican convention of 1884 Blaine urged upon Sherman the acceptance of the presidential nomination if it was offered, and pledged himself to Sherman's support. Dr. Hammond's "Madness and Murder" is a very curious and interesting paper.

BELFORD MAGAZINE-December, Edited by Donn Piatt, Published by Belford, Clarke & Co., Chicago, Price, S2 a year.

In the editorial department of this monthly "Passing Events" opens with the following sentences: "The political battle has been fought. We can look calmly over the field." An assertion that seems hardly borne out by a critical reading of the editor's paper on the late election, in which he is disposed to attribute Republican success to a change of the government from a political fabric to a financial concern where there is a domination of private interests over publie affairs, and further concludes that no public man, however pure his motives or single his purpose, can menace the moneyed power and continue in office. If Mr. Piatt would imbibe some of the spirit of Paul, who declared that though he was east down he was not dismayed, he might look at the result with less of the gloom of a pessimist, and feel that one victory does not necessarily lead to a total rout. In the same department are strong words for the much needed reform of the ballot. In the article, "A Plea for the Parent, '' there are views advanced in regard to the present workings of the common school system and its tendencies, that are likely to elicit unfavorable criticism, but despite the critics there is that in it which addresses itself to every thoughtful parent.

The space devoted to fiction has a

complete novel, "The Queen of the

Block," by Alexander L. Kinkaid.

TABLE TALK—December. Office of publication 408 Race street, Philadelphia. Price, \$1 per year. The present number closes volume three, and a glance at the included index will be convincing as to the merit of this periodical for home making. Mrs. Rorer s pre-eminently qualified for the position of editress, and the bill of fare for the Christmas dinner prepared by her, with ample directions for the preparation of each dish, is well worth to a novice the year's subscription price. Another desirable feature is "Mrs. Ruskin's Labors,'' by Mrs. Grayson, author of ''Mrs. Ruskin's Frugalities.'' The for this month is paper description of the inexpensive and attractive gifts she made for the different members of her family. There is a timely suggestion for Christmas decorations, also a short account of how the day

is spent in many foreign countries. There are perhaps no pages that afford more timely information than those devoted to answering the inquiries of puzzled housekeeper, by reliable recipes that have been tested.

To give variety a page or two is deoted to dress, to literature and to many other topics of interest to women, furnishing a variety that seem in excellence little short of marvellous for the insignificant sum of \$1 yearly.

THE HOME MAKER-December. Edited by Marion Harland. Office of publication 2 West Twenty-third street, New York. Yearly subscription \$2.

The Christmas number is verily a feast of fat things, and there is no department of home life that may not be brightened by its presence, or benefited by its coun-The selection for this month are certainly most admirable and we heartily commend it to the readers of THE GA-

THE SERPENT THAT TEMPTED HER-By Saqui Smith, and Florence Fables, by William J. Florence, Comedian, are recent publications from the house of Belford, Clarke & Co., Chi-

The first mentioned is a sensational story of Scotch factory life, and is told with directness and force. There is a moral lesson conveyed which is well, although it remains an open question whether the moral lesson attempted to be enforced is not fatally weakened by the vivid portrayal of vice that always

The Fables, by Mr. Florence, will certainly find many readers. He has long held the hearts of many by his dramatic talent and rare good fellowship, while in the field of literature he is fast making for himself a name.

THE WRITER-December, Boston, Mass. Twelve humbers, \$1.00; single number, 10

Those who have gladly watched the success of the Writer will heartily congratulate Mr. Hills on a success which justifies him in the issuance of a magazine for the same class of workers. The Author will probably make its appearance about the middle of January, and these two periodicals are intended to cover every department of literary work, and will no doubt be found indispensable to all engaged in literary work.

THINKS-By Bill Nye. Published by the Dearorn Publishing Company, Chicago. Price 2

By Bill Nye! That of itself is notice mough, a notice that needs no N. B. nor index finger of a distorted hand to attract attention. When Bill Nye puts on his spees and places his finger on that dome of thought as seen in the frontispiece, fun lovers know what to expect. neither are they disappointed and the fun is good fun, the laugh it calls forth has in it no ring of bitterness, but conduces to general good humor. Newspaper men will appreciate his paper, "How to Teach Journalism," and will feel that his clippings can be easily duplicated in almost any office. The laugh is worth the quarter, so go and buy the book.

LET HER GO GALLAGHER OF TEXAS-By James Nester Gallagher. Rhodes & McClure Publishing Co., Chicago.

This book is the thirty-second volume of the Standard library publications, one number being issued monthly at a cost to subscribers of \$4 a year. In an enterprise The December issue is for fun lovers, and dedicated by its author to those who do not expect fun from a deacon.

THE MUSICAL HERALD—December, a monthly magning devoted to the art universal. Publication office, Franklin Square, Boston, Mass. Price: \$1 a year.

NORTH'S PHILADELPHIA MUSICAL-Dec ber. Office of publication, 1388 Chestnut street, Philadelphia. Subscription; \$1 a year. BABYLAND-December, D. Lathrop Company, publishers, Beston. Price: 50 cents a year.

THE GAZETTE.

The Kind and Appreclated Words of Esteemed Contemporaries for The Gazette. FEW SUPERIORS.

Aouston Herald: The Fort Worth Ga-ZETTE stacks up immense in its new dress, and the Herald does not flatter when it says that THE GAZETTE is not only the equal of any paper in Texas, but has few superiors in the United States.

TO BE PROUD OF IT. Weatherford Constitution: The Fort Worth GAZETTE came out Saturday in its new dress. It's a daisy, and Fort Worth and the whole state for "that matterhave a right to be proud of it.

STANDS AT THE HEAD. Sherman Courier: The Fort Worth GAZETTE came out Sunday in a new dress, with its makeup and style much improved. This was all that was needed to make it first-class, as in ability and independence THE GAZETTE has long stood at the head of the class.

THE GAZETTE DRESSED UP Gainesville Register: The Fort Worth GAZETTE appears this morning in bran new dress from head to foot. The metamorphose is wonderful and shows up to the great advantage of THE GAZETTE, which is now a beauty, and second to none typographically in the state. THE GAZETTE as a reliable, enterprising newspaper is greatly appreciated by the Register, which will always be glad to see any improvements made by THE GAZETTE, and to know of its prosperity and its extended usefulness.

WITHOUT A SUPERIOR.

Itasca Alliance-Mail: For five years the Fort Worth GAZETTE has been one of the leading dally papers of the state. Saturday it was issued from its new building and appeared in an entirely new dress. Taffy is cheap and easily manufactured, but we can say candidly that THE GAZETTE stands without a superior in the Southwest to-day. Its telegraphic reports are full and complete, its special service covers the entire state and embraces many points beyond its borders; it is ably and carefully edited, and its typographical make-up is simple beauty ods that prevailed at every polling place informed by a wholesale merchant of this Christmas story by Celia Logan, and a itself. The Gazette is a marvel of simplicity of life and conversation which I

newspaper success, and we heartily rejoice in its prosperity.

THE EQUAL OF ANY. Beeville Bee: The Fort Worth Ga-ZETTE has moved into its new building and donned a new dress, which now makes it the equal of any paper in the

South in point of typographical beauty. RICHLY DESERVES IT Longview Clarion: The Gazette sports a new dress, which is a great improvement to this great paper, and we wish it

"ALL-OVER GOOD PAPER." Omaha Breeze: The Fort Worth Ga-ZETTE came out last week in a bran new dress. The Gazette is an all-over good paper, and in her new dress presents a more than handsome appearance.

continued success, which it richly de-

serves.

DESERVES ITS SUCCESS Gainesville Register: The Fort Worth GAZETTE is now printed in its new threestory building and has new perfecting presses and all the appliances of a firstclass modern daily newspaper. The Ga-ZETTE is a good paper and deserves its success.

A METROPOLITAN JOURNAL. Laredo Times: The Fort Worth GA-ZETTE was formerly printed on an oldfashioned hand press and step by step has attained the proportions of a metropolitan journal.

COMPARES FAVORABLY WITH ANY. Clebune Tribune: The Fort Worth GAZETTE has donned an entire new dress, having purchased new type, new presses, and everything new from beginning to end, even to a new house. THE GAZETTE is a splendid paper and will compare faorably with any daily in the United

NEWS AND NOTES.

A Brocton, Mass., shoe factory will be operated by electricity.

In Russia last year 80,000 dram shops were done away with by law.

Maryland's 488 canning factories emplny 25,000 men and 1500 canmakers. There is no law against a wife's picking a husband's pocket in order to buy him a Christmas present.

Philadelphia has just consecrated a church for deaf mutes-the only one in the world. No one is allowed to sleep during the sermon. An ordinary elephant produces 120

pounds of ivory, worth £60. England consumes 650 tons (of which Sheffield takes one-third), for which it is necessary to kill 12,000 elephants yearly. Potatoes are a drug in the market at Colfax, Wis., owing to the enormous crop raised in that section. The best price to be got is 10 cents a bushel, and one farmer offered to give a friend a

wagon load of choice ones if he would take the trouble to send for them. The success of Mrs. Shaw, the professional whistler, has created a sort of furore. Every pair of lips shows a tendency to pucker tunefully. The old adage concerning whistling girls and crowing hens must be amended by the elimination of the first clause or the country

will go to ruination at a mad gallop. The recent failure of Elijah Gilbert, a New Haven grocer, is said to have been occasioned by the loss of \$60,000 at draw poker which he played for amusement with some of his "friends" who comfined against him. This is another incident in the exchange of the culture of the East for the vices of the rowdy West.

A Swedish scientist claims to have discovered the secret of petrifying wood by artificial processes. He thinks it will be possible ere long to construct ediffeet of takes six months and costs about £500 to petrify a block of wood of the dimensions of one cubic inch, it will prob ably be some time before his process will be generally adopted.

A company has been formed in Georgia to scrape the entire bed of the Chestattee river with dredges. It has always been known that the bed of this river is wonderfally rich in loose gold, and the comparty proposes to get the gold. Just after the war another company attempted to accomplish the same purpose by fluming the river, but it cost so much that the enterprise was abandoned. The present company will build an expensive dredging boat, capable of removing 500 tons a day.

The postage stamp collection mania cannot be said to be dying out. At a recent auction in London the following prices for rare specimens were realized: The blue block Cape error, £15; the Lady McLeod', Trinidad local, £13 13s; the three-lyre Tuscany on the original envelope, £12 12s; the New Brunswick shilling, £5: Nova Scotia shilling, £4 5s; the penny black Great Britain, with V R. in corner, £5 15s. All the colonial stamps realized good prices, showing that the interest in varieties has largely increased.

A foreign correspondent notes the differences between an English and an American girl in dancing. The American girl is a nervous creature. She is as excitable as a thoroughbred mare. When she dances her eye sparkles, her cheek flushes, her face is lighted up and every nerve is at tension in the thrill of music and motion. The English girl, on the contrary, does not alter her amiable torpidity in the least. She does not smile. she is as grave as ever. She turns solemnly around, without a vestige of abandon. She does not dance, but trots.

Marriage brokers are a distinct institution in Corea, and most alliances are arranged by them. The father of the boy onsults by letter with the father of the girl through the agency of these go-betweens and generally the whole matter is arranged without the interested parties having been consulted or even having seen each other. Indeed the whole transaction is conducted very much as a real estate transfer would be in this country. except that the purchaser would naturally take a look at the property. In Corea no such preliminary view of the prospective wife or husband is permitted. Unless a man marries he is considered of very little importance in Corean society. Every unmarried man is considered a boy, though he should live to be 100. marriages take place very early in life.

ABOUT MEN AND WOMEN. Mayor Grant of New York city is with

Mme. Hess of Paris has refused 5000

francs for her hair, which is six long. Lucy Parsons, the quadroon ana is mashed on newspaper men. Her husband was a Texas printer, and

new love is a Swiss editor. Miss Le Row, the author of " as She is Taught, '' is a plump skinned little lady with be dimples in her rosy cheeks.

Miss Elizabeth Gardner, the Ame artist, says that Rosa Bonheur has the gives such charm to intercourse with most of the French masters.

Mrs. Mary Low Dickinson, who has recently been appointed dean of the women's department in a Western college, receives the same salary as a man in a corresponding position.

The widow in New York who forced the Rev. Mr. Auld to marry her after he had lost interest in a three year's courtship. was evidently of a social nature. She did not wish to let "Auld acquaintance be forgot."

"Old Hutch," the Chicago wheat speculator, now will pay only ten cents for a shave, where he used to pay fifteen cents. He hopes by strict economy to make up the \$20,000 recently stolen by one of his clerks. Mrs. Harrison's uniform reply to those

who solicit her influence for appointments

at the hands of the President-elect, is

that she is "not in polities." There more diplomacy in that little answer than Lord Sackville ever learned. The weather prophet, Wiggins, is inhigh glee over the fulfilment of his recent prognostication in reference to an earthquake in Eastern Quebee, and has

prepared to spring an earthquake upon the Southern states in a few days. Hon . W . W . Lang will return to Hamburg this week. He will first go to Paris where his daughter, Miss Chase and his son Will are at school. From there he will re-enter upon his duties as consulgeneral at Hamburg to await the pleas-

ure of President-elect Harrison. Randolph Churchill is a Tory, but his ecent denunciation of the Conservative policy in the house of commons made the Tories tremble, as they stood face to face with a vote of defeat. They had a narrow escape and now they are wondering what sort of an erratic Tory Churchill is

Hall McAllister, who died in San Franisco last Saturday, had practiced law thirty-nine years, and is said to have personally earned more money than any lawver in America, having received two fees of \$35,000 each in a single year. He was a native of Savanah, Ga., and went to California in 1849.

Judge McBraver of Kentucky, prononnced by the state papers "a typical Kentucky gentleman," is dead. He was a county judge, a state senator, an active Mason, a member of the Presbyterian church, and the inventor of the brand of whisky which bears his name. He is sincerely mourned.

Clara Louisa Kellogg Strakosch's mother always appears in a box when her daughter warbles on the stage. tells how Clara, when a baby of nine months, hummed a tune she had learned from her black nurse in South Carolina, and how Clara, when she had developed into her fourth year, was the mistress of four tunes. Mr. Gladstone will spend a part of the

winter in Naples. He must guard his health with the utmost care, for he has a great deal of work before him, and much depends upon the manner in which, if at all, he will be able to dispose of it. The fate of home rule in Ireland, for the present at least, depends upon the life of this old man, whose strength has already been taxed far peyond the endurance of

Acryousness is said to be a characteristic of Chief Justice Fuller. He seems to find it impossible to sit still upon the bench. His hands are constantly in motion at one thing or motion. he takes a scrap of paper and folds and refolds it into a thousand shapes; or he turns over the pages of a book without looking at them. But as a usual thing he is pulling at his mustache, like a neryous graduate on commencement day. First his left hand twists and pulls a little at his left hirsute; and then the right, not to be outdone in caressing, performs wood and convert them into stone. As it a like office for the long gray bairs on the other side of the nervous man's mouth.

Minneapolis Tribune.

Sheriff Smith of Birmingham, Ala., is the greatest man in the United States today. A servant of the law in a comparatively humble position, he has became the focus of national attention because he had the courage and neswerving sense of duty not to waver under circumstances of the most trying character. As the consequence of his action the blood of innocent men, not in sympathy with the mob was shed to protect a most brutal and almost incredibly deprayed murderer. the mob had been permitted to rule a guilty wretch would have been hung without trial; but the end of justice would have been attained in so far as t court of last resort would eventually have rendered the same verdict as the month Yet Sheriff Smith did not hesitate to protect the prisoner, because he was determined to uphold the law at all hazards He probably believed him to be guilty, and it is also probable that he knew suspected that there were respected and 'law-abiding citizens, friends a neighbors" in the mob. But not eve in the face of these probabilities, which made his duty painful in the extren did he waver for a single moment. is a man, a national hero, whose picts should be hung in every sheriff's office throughout the length and breadth of the

He Chose Texas. American Republican.

land.

A young woman in an adjoining county who had an eve on a voung farmer. found that he was a pretty strong Democrat and proposed to bet herself against imself that Harrison would be elected. The young man kicked against the bet. saying he did not need a wife, but as she insisted, he finally said: "Well, Cleveland is sure to be elected, I'll take the bet and make you wait till I get ready to take you.' . "All right ready to take you.'' "All right said the girl, "and if Harrison is elected you've got to marry me on inaugural day or give me your farm." The young ch agreed to this, but since found out a the supposed young lady was now y twenty years older than himself, and he has turned over the farm to a creditor and left for Texas.

No Use Trying. Houston Post.

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